

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-12. (CANCELLED)

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A vehicle door module comprising:

~~at least one~~ a support element ~~having~~including a service opening;

~~at least one~~ an outer panel element to close said service opening, said ~~at least one~~ outer panel element ~~having~~including an edge zone; and

a spacing element having an adjustable dimension to fasten said outer panel element to said support element, ~~and wherein~~ at least part of said edge zone of said outer panel element is provided with said spacing element, and said spacing element has said adjustable dimension to adjust a distance between said support element and said outer panel element.

14. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door module according to claim 13, wherein said spacing element is a settable plastic.

15. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door module according to claim 14, wherein said settable plastic is a heat-sensitive adhesive.

16. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door module according to claim 15, wherein said heat sensitive adhesive is reversibly heat-sensitive.

17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door module according to claim 13, wherein said spacing element connects said outer panel element to said support element.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door module according to claim 13, wherein said spacing element is ~~movable~~adjustable in at least two directions.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door module according to claim 13, further including ~~at least one~~ an elongated stiffening element provided in said edge zone of said outer panel element.

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door module according to claim 19, wherein said ~~at least one~~ elongated stiffening element is detachably joined to said support element.
21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door module according to claim 20, wherein said ~~at least one~~ elongated stiffening element is continuously sealed along said support element.
22. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door module according to claim 13, wherein said support element and said outer panel element form a hollow chamber.
23. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door module according to claim 16 further including a heater, wherein said heater heats said heat[[-]] sensitive adhesive ~~is heated to allow removal of~~remove said outer panel element from said support element.
24. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door module according to claim 13, further including an interior panel element.
25. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door module according to claim 13, wherein said support element ~~contains~~includes at least one of a hinge and a closure element.
26. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door module according to claim 13, wherein said support element is connected to at least one of a hinge and a closure element.
27. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door module according to claim 13, further including ~~at least one~~an elongated stiffening element secured to said outer panel element.
28. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door module according to claim 27, wherein said spacing element connects said outer panel element to said ~~at least one~~ elongated stiffening element.

29. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door module according to claim 13, wherein said outer panel element is detachably joined to said support element.

30. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door module according to claim 20, wherein said ~~at least one~~ elongated stiffening element is detachably joined to said support element by at least one ~~bolt~~fastener.

31-32. (CANCELLED)

33. (NEW) The method as recited in claim 19, wherein said elongated stiffening element has a substantially trapezoidal cross-section.

34. (NEW) The method as recited in claim 19, wherein said elongated stiffening element is substantially hollow.

35. (NEW) The method as recited in claim 19, wherein two sides of said elongated stiffening element are joined to said outer panel element.